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## PITTSBURG MERCHANTS

WERE HERE TWO HOURS TO-DAY.

### STRIKE SETTLEMENT IS NOW LOOKED FOR

PACKERS MET IN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION THIS MORNING TO  
DISCUSS SITUATION.

ARBITRATION IS EXPECTED AND  
IN THAT EVENT THE MEN  
WILL GO BACK TO WORK.  
AT ONCE.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Rapid progress  
was made early Thursday toward the  
conferences which may bring arbitra-  
tion and peace in the great strike of  
twenty-two thousand butcher work-  
men at the stock yards.

J. Ogden Armour called a confer-  
ence of the packers and discussed  
plans for an immediate peace meet-  
ing with the leaders of the striking  
workmen.

International President Michael  
Donnelly, of the Amalgamated Meat  
Cutters and Butchers Workmen, on  
behalf of the men, awaited the result  
of the packers conference, reaffirming  
his statement that the men stood  
ready to arbitrate under proper condi-  
tions.

With arbitration in the air quiet  
prevailed at the stock yards. Many  
families suffered bereavement through  
the terrible wreck on the Chicago and  
Eastern Illinois, and sorrow diverted  
trouble from the war at the yards.  
The packers kept up the work of turn-  
ing their plants to garrison in case  
the arbitration should fail and almost  
three hundred additional men were  
smuggled into the yards during the  
hours of early dawn under heavy po-  
lice guard and lodged in the plants.  
A strong force of police was thrown  
into the Polish settlement at Gross  
avenue and Forty-sixth street at sun-  
rise.

This first long step toward arbitra-  
tion came through the letter sent by  
International President Donnelly to  
J. Ogden Armour. This letter was  
brought in part by the work of the  
members of the Illinois State board  
of arbitration. It said, in substance:  
"We have never refused arbitra-  
tion; we are willing to arbitrate un-  
der certain conditions and are ready  
to do it now providing practical pack-  
ing men are the arbitrators."

This morning the packers met in  
executive session in the directors  
room at the stock yards to discuss the  
strikers' acceptance of arbitration.  
There were present at the meeting  
J. Ogden Armour, Arthur Meeker and  
Thomas Connors, of Armour & Com-  
pany; L. F. Swift and Edward Swift,  
of Swift & Company; Edward Morris,  
of Nelson, Morris & Company; K. H.  
Bell, of the National Packing Com-  
pany; Max Sulzberger, of Schwarz-  
child & Sulzberger Company.

Meanwhile the strikers' leaders  
were in session at their union head-  
quarters.

If the strikers accept the terms of  
arbitration proposed by the packers  
a joint conference probably will be  
held to-day.

The leading packers will be pres-  
ent and the workers will be repre-  
sented by President Donnelly, Pres-  
ident Gompers, John Floersch, pres-  
ident of the Packing Trades Council;  
William G. Schardt, president Chicago  
Federation of Labor, and the members  
of the State board of arbitration. The  
latter are Walter J. Mathies, Chauncey  
Geiger and Dennis J. Hogan.

If an agreement can be reached it  
is probable that the men will be or-  
dered back to work immediately pend-  
ing the arbitration.

Fearful that a single spark of trou-  
ble might bring another serious riot  
in the great stock yards strike the  
police guard about the yards was in-  
creased to-day by heavy detachments.  
In some quarters the number of po-  
lice was more than doubled.

So serious was the temper of the  
men that the highest officials of the  
packing trades council made tours in  
person, breaking up the knots of ex-  
cited men and pleading for quiet and  
order. In several instances these offi-  
cials were threatened with rough  
treatment. While this work was go-  
ing on International President Don-  
nelly, of the Amalgamated Meat Cut-  
ters and Butchers Workmen met this

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### GOOD FALL TRADE

IS LOOKED FOR BY BUSINESS  
MEN—"HARD TIMES" TALK  
IS ABSENT FROM BIG  
CENTERS.

COLLECTIONS ARE GOOD IN THE  
SOUTH, MOST MERCHANTS  
DISCOUNTING THEIR  
BILLS.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Special ad-  
vices received this week from corre-  
spondents of the International Mercan-  
tile Agency in the chief commercial  
centers of the country indicate that  
apart from the usual summer dullness  
there is evidence of a better fall trade  
than merchants have been planning  
for. Just now there is recorded the  
usual lull in business that is normal  
to this season of the year, though  
some industries report a demand for  
their products that outstrips the prepa-  
ration that had been made to accom-  
modate it. The crop situation and the  
political outlook seem to have cheered  
commercial communities very much  
and to have removed some of the feel-  
ing of doubt and discouragement that  
has been so marked a feature of busi-  
ness life the past eight months.

The one new disturbing feature is  
the strike of the packing house em-  
ployes which began in the West and is  
extending over the country. From  
the West and Northwest, the reports  
regarding crop conditions are more  
encouraging than they were a week  
ago. The floods throughout the win-  
ter wheat section though entailing a  
great deal of loss to growers and rail-  
roads, subsided quickly and probably  
left much smaller percentage of dam-  
age behind than has been claimed.  
Kansas City reports few cancella-  
tions in the affected territory and  
says that crop conditions elsewhere  
are good. Collections in that section  
are a little slow, but the outlook for  
fall over the Red river valley, where  
the precipitation has been unusually  
severe. Midsummer dullness in the  
jobbing trade obtains in St. Paul. Mil-  
waukee is more optimistic.

"Hard times" talk there is absent and  
merchants are pleased with the gen-  
eral outlook, while some manufactur-  
ers in the State who had expected to  
slump down during the summer months  
have more than they can do.

Southwest, the most promising in-  
dication is that of the discounting of  
bills by merchants. Collections of  
their bills throughout this territory  
as well as in the South are good. This  
is a contrast to Indianapolis section,  
where mercantile obligations are be-  
ing met rather slowly.

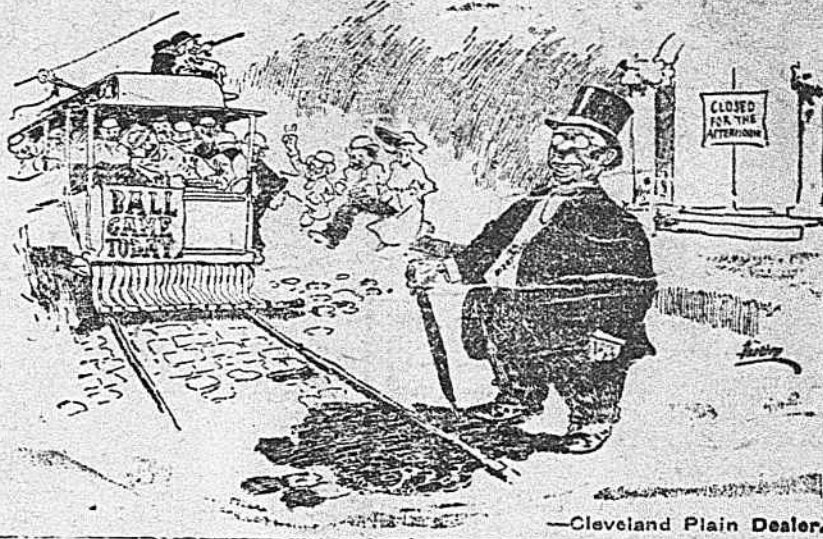
Railroad earnings for the first week  
of July are somewhat irregular. When  
wheat begins to move the latter part  
of this month, the average ought to  
increase. Indications point to a dull  
season in the iron and steel trade,  
now that the spring demand has been  
satisfied. Producers are offering no  
concessions in the price list and buy-  
ers have begun to realize that they  
must meet the schedules offered or go  
without the material.

#### Excursion Picnic.

The members of the Sunday School  
of the Central Christian church, went  
on a picnic excursion to Beechwood  
yesterday. About one hundred were  
in the crowd and plenty of good things  
to eat were taken. The crowd went  
down and returned on the J. O. Wat-  
son.

If you once "get the habit," you will  
always buy your furniture from the  
Fairmont Furniture Co. Opposite  
postoffice.

GUESS WHERE HE'S GOING.



—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### SUSPECTED CHARACTER LANGUISHES IN JAIL

### FOUR WOMEN DROWNED

MOST DISTRESSING IS THE NEWS  
FROM A SUMMER RESORT IN  
VIRGINIA—WOMEN WERE  
TRYING TO RESCUE A  
COMPANION.

RICHMOND, Va., July 15.—Four  
women and a little child were drown-  
ed yesterday at Edgewater, a summer  
resort in Westmoreland county. The  
victims were Mrs. James Hubbard and  
child, of Westmoreland, and Misses  
Ada Helen and Harriet Keamon, daugh-  
ters of Frank Keamon, of Wash-  
ington.

In attempting to rescue one of their  
number, all of the party got beyond  
their depth. None could swim. Their  
cries were heard by men some dis-  
tance away, who ran to aid them, but  
when they reached the place the last  
one had sunk.

The beach is good for bathing, but  
after a certain place is reached it  
grows deeper rapidly. One of the  
girls, it is thought, stepped into a  
hole and the others, attempting to  
rescue her, were drawn to their  
death.

### TRIPLE TRAGEDY

PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN KILLS  
HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER  
AND THEN SHOOTS  
HIMSELF.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 15.—Edgar  
T. Washburn, member of the Buffalo  
Board of Trade, and of the grain firm  
of Washburn & Reacock, this morning  
shot and killed his wife and daughter  
at their home, No. 89 Putnam street,  
and then ended his own life by shoot-  
ing.

Business trouble is supposed to  
have been the cause of the tragedy.  
Washburn was one of the city's  
most prominent grain merchants, and  
he was supposed to be worth a snug  
fortune.

#### Confessed His Guilt.

Ross Henderson went to a house  
at Monongah several days ago and  
claimed to be hungry. He was taken  
in and fed for a few days and when  
he felt better he returned the compli-  
ment by stealing a suit of clothes and  
several other articles. He was  
brought before Justice Bennington,  
where he confessed. He will be held  
for the grand jury in November.

The best—Hall's ice cream.

A MAN WITH ENOUGH ACCOU-  
TMENTS TO SET UP A  
WHOLESALE ROBBERY ES-  
TABLISHMENT CAUGHT.

WAS BROUGHT FROM MONONGAH  
YESTERDAY AND PLACED  
BEHIND THE BARS IN  
COUNTY JAIL.

A dangerous character was arrested  
at Monongah yesterday, and the prob-  
abilities are that he is a much wanted  
man. It is thought by postoffice peo-  
ple that he has been implicated in  
several robberies in this State, or at  
least articles found in his possession  
would indicate such to be the case.  
About four months ago two postoffices  
in this neighborhood were entered  
and robbed, and a few days afterward  
a stranger, who gave his name as  
Charles S. Reed, entered Kelly's sal-  
oon, in Monongah, told a hard luck  
story and wanted to sell the propie-  
tor fifty dollars' worth of postage  
stamps. Kelly informed the man that  
he was not dealing in such articles,  
whereupon Reed displayed a small,  
open-face watch, which he desired to  
sell, claiming that he was without  
means and needed money. Kelly of-  
fered to loan him a dollar on the time-  
piece, and the stranger gladly took it.  
Becoming alarmed over the possibility  
of receiving stolen property Kelly  
changed his mind, gave the man his  
watch, and took the dollar.

That same day the man disappeared  
and was not seen by Monongah people  
again until last Wednesday. On that  
day he was seen loitering around the  
different pool rooms, saloons and  
stores, and once was found in the  
rear of the postoffice, presumably  
sizing it up with a view of entering it.  
Chief of Police Finley followed  
the man's every action, and when he  
bought twelve cartridges in a hard-  
ware store, stepped up and arrested  
him, presuming that a gun was in  
his possession, which proved to be  
correct.

Besides the revolver, which is a  
beauty, the following articles were on  
his person: One comb, two pair of  
eye glasses, two small looking-glasses,  
two large pocket knives, a razor, a  
large piece of cloth about the size of  
an ordinary windowblind, two pieces  
of soap used by safe blowers, and four  
large money bags, most of which were  
concealed in a false pocket in the  
rear of his coat.

Colonel Wilbur H. Brand and Post-  
office Inspector E. J. Allen, went to  
Monongah immediately after being  
notified. A warrant was sworn out  
for Reed, and Chief Finley, as a  
special constable, brought the man to  
this place and lodged him in the  
county jail to await the action of the  
federal grand jury, which convenes  
at Wheeling in September.

Reed is a small, swarthy man, pre-  
sumably about forty-five years of age,  
and has a decidedly bad eye. He is  
known to have a partner, but up to  
the present he has not been appre-  
hended.

The best—Hall's ice cream.

### WERE GIVEN ROYAL WELCOME

BUSINESS MEN TURN-  
ED OUT TO ENTER  
PITTSBURG  
VISITORS.

THEY SEEMED WELL PLEASED  
WITH US AND WE WERE  
DELIGHTED WITH  
THEM.

The special train, consisting of  
seven Pullmans and a dining car,  
carrying about one hundred members  
of the Merchants and Manufacturers'  
Association, of Pittsburgh, arrived in  
the city this morning at 9:25 o'clock,  
fifteen minutes late. They passed  
through here at seven o'clock on their  
way from Grafton to Mannington, and  
returned at the time mentioned. The  
first thing to give them a bad impres-  
sion was a freight train standing im-  
mediately in front of the depot, which  
kept them waiting five or ten minutes,  
and they were forced to stand in a  
most dangerous place while the freight  
pulled out of the way.

Then they were given a hearty wel-  
come by the committee from the  
Board of Trade, consisting of M. L.  
Hutchinson, president; Sam R. Nu-  
zum, secretary; J. M. Jacobs, J. M.  
Hartley and George DeBolt, as many  
members of the local Merchants' As-  
sociation as could be present, and  
other business men of the city. In  
all about fifty of our leading citizens  
were there to welcome them. The  
visitors were brought to the Watson  
corner where the Traction Company  
showed its generosity by having three  
cars ready to take them for a ride  
over the city. They went out Fair-  
mont avenue to Eighth street, then  
back and out Locust avenue and re-  
turned to the Court-house, where the  
photographers of the Pittsburgh papers  
made pictures of both entertainers  
and entertained. Then the crowd scat-  
tered, the dealers in different articles  
looking up their customers, present  
and prospective. Bankers, grocers, in-  
surance agents, dry goods merchants,  
hardware merchants—in fact, manu-  
facturers of and dealers in all the lead-  
ing articles, representing over \$200,  
000,000 worth of property were here.  
Only a few minutes could be spared  
at each place of business, but the visit  
was one of pleasure to our local busi-  
ness men as well as to the visitors,  
who had the highest words of praise  
for our city. The train left on its  
schedule time, 11:10, for Morgantown,  
and from there it will go to Union-  
town, Connellsville and on to Pitts-  
burg, ending the tour.

This is the first excursion ever  
taken by the Pittsburgh association, and  
has been one of profit as well as of  
continual pleasure. The Pittsburgh  
dealers will greatly increase their  
trade with this city as a result of the  
visit, and our local business men will  
profit by the visit if nothing more is  
assimilated than the enthusiasm  
which was shown. Regret was ex-  
pressed by many of the visitors that  
there is an obstacle across the river  
near our city which prevents the large  
steamers from coming here. They  
realize that we cannot afford to pay  
as much wholesale for our goods  
when we have a high rate of transpor-  
tation. The F. M. and P. bridge shuts  
out the boat traffic to a great extent,  
and this is felt by the Pittsburghers,  
and it is likely that they will use all  
their influence to help get the obsta-  
cle removed.

All the visitors think we have the  
coming city of the State, and they  
were not afraid to say so. Our citi-  
zens turned out to welcome them in a  
way that was appreciated in a high  
degree, and although no speeches were  
made, they could not have been re-  
ceived in a more cordial manner.

This excursion left Pittsburgh July  
13, and will end this evening. Begin-  
ning at Moundsville, about thirty  
towns have been visited, most of them  
in West Virginia. As guests of the  
association on the trip are represen-  
tatives of the newspapers of Pitts-  
burg. They are the following:  
Theodore Lampert and Photographer  
R. J. Sample, Dispatch; George A.  
Campsey, Times; W. Edward Cope,  
Post; John P. Cowan, Gazette; H. S.  
Silvey, Leader; E. C. Sykes, Chroni-  
cle Telegraph; T. H. Williams, Press;  
and Captain William Nelson, of the  
Western Union Telegraph. These  
representatives are all hustlers, and  
were shown around by the representa-

tives of the local papers.  
The following is the list of officers  
of the Merchants and Manufacturers'  
Association, of Pittsburgh:

President—E. J. Lloyd.  
First Vice President—Geo. A. Kelly.  
Second Vice President—H. W.  
Neely.  
Third Vice President—D. C. Shaw.  
Treasurer—W. T. Todd.  
Secretary and General Manager—  
Jas. W. Wardrop.

They are working for  
better freight service from and to  
Pittsburg.

Better passenger service for merch-  
ants who buy in Pittsburg.

Trade excursions to enable merch-  
ants, manufacturers and bankers to  
visit tradesmen in surrounding sec-  
tions, and thus show personal interest  
in this trade.

Special rate excursions to enable  
merchants to visit Pittsburg.

To foster present trade and develop  
new trade in territory that rightfully  
belongs to Pittsburg.

To invite manufacturers to locate  
in Pittsburg.

To invite and welcome conventions  
to Pittsburg.

Fairmont regrets to-day that some  
of its biggest and best entertainers  
were compelled to be out of the city  
on the arrival of the Pittsburgh de-  
legation of business men this morning.  
Prominent among them were Lee L.  
Malone, Walton Miller, L. G. Race and  
Col. Zack Robertson.

The hardware interests of Pittsburg  
were well represented in the Mer-  
chants' Association by such men as  
Robt. M. Repp, of Lynch, Green,  
Hardware Co.; Thos. McMurtry, of  
J. C. Lindsay Hardware Co.; L. B.  
Lloyd, of Bindley Hardware Co. These  
men are all managers of their re-  
spective concerns, and a trio of big  
hearted, brainy, well-posted hard-  
ware men that could not be excelled  
anywhere. They were also accom-  
panied by the well-known and popular  
salesmen, Geo. W. Dietl and L. Tran-  
zell. They were an inspiration to  
hardware dealers of our city.

MANNINGTON, W. Va., July 15.—  
(Special.)—The Merchants and Man-  
ufacturers' Association early this  
morning were shown around the city  
by our leading citizens. Although  
they had less than an hour to stay,  
they tried to visit the leading places  
of business, and made many friends  
and customers while here. Their  
train left for Fairmont at 8:30.

GRAFTON, W. Va., July 15.—(Spe-  
cial.)—The Merchants and Manu-  
facturers' Association of Pittsburg,  
arrived in this city last evening at 7:30  
o'clock, two hours late. Notwithstand-  
ing this the places of business were  
kept open until the visitors arrived.  
They were met at the station, and  
shown around the city by our leading  
business men. Judge Holt made an  
address of welcome. Their special  
train left this morning for Mannington.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., July 15.—  
(Special.)—The Merchants and Man-  
ufacturers' Association of Pittsburg  
arrived here from Fairmont to-day at  
noon and stayed until two o'clock.  
The visitors were met by the lead-  
ing men of the city and were shown  
around. Three cars took them around  
the town, after which they were taken  
to the University, where President  
Purinton made a short address of wel-  
come. Then they scattered around,  
each one visiting the industry in  
which he was particularly inter-  
ested. They left for Uniontown at 2 P.

PHILIPPI, W. Va., July 15.—(Spe-  
cial.)—The Merchants and Manu-  
facturers' Association arrived at  
place last evening at 6:30 o'clock,  
though behind time, the busi-  
ness houses were kept open until the  
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#### THE WEATHER.

Fair Once More.

WASHINGTON, July 15.

Forecast for West Virgin.

Fair to-night and Saturday.